

and unceasing prayers that this large family became possessed of all that was most valuable to them in morals and religion. Retiring early one evening with her youngest son, she knelt with him in her chamber, and among other petitions was one to this effect, "Oh, shadow us under the wings of a precious Jesus." This made an impression upon his young and tender heart, the influence of which was felt and acknowledged through life.

In 1812 the family emigrated to this country, and settled on a farm near Gilbertsville, Otsego Co., N. Y. in that year and the year following both parents were removed by death, the sainted mother being the first to be taken from the family. This was a most serious loss to Henry, in a special manner. He lived for a short time in Norwich, Chenango Co. with an older brother, then went to New York City. Here he was apprenticed to a cabinet maker. At the age of sixteen he was led to feel his need of the Saviour and to put his trust in Him for the salvation of his soul. Having been led to the Oliver Street Baptist Church to witness the administration of the ordinance of baptism to several candidates, the Holy Spirit produced saving conviction in his heart. The following year he was baptized by Rev. John Williams, and at once became an active worker in the Sabbath School and prayer meetings in this church. On the 10th of March, 1824, he was licensed to preach by the church which then enjoyed the joint labors of Revs. J. Williams and S. S. R. Cone. On the 13th of March he was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Banning, with whom he lived happily. and who now survives him.

After making some preparations for his great work he left New York that same year and settled with the Windsor and Colesville Church, now called Harpersville. Here he received ordination, the following brethren in the ministry officiating: Revs. Davis Dimock, John Smitzer, Caleb Blood and Levi Holcombe. He was pastor here seven years. In 1832 he became pastor of the church at Bethany and Canaan, now Clinton. Shortly after this he commenced regular preaching at Honesdale, on the site now occupied by Liberty Hall. His labors were continued there steadily until the constitution of the Baptist Church in 1842. From 1839-1849 he preached one-half his time at Damascus. From 1845-1857 his labors were chiefly devoted to the Clinton Church, preaching one-half time in 1849-1851 for the church in Carbondale. From Feb. 1853-1854 or 5, he preached at Bethany again. During the time nearly 750 persons were added by baptism, and in 1854 his younger four children were converted and baptized and received into the Bethany church. His labors with the Clinton Church covered a period of fourteen years and during that period the church enjoyed three general revivals. His residence in Wayne County of thirty-five years was one of continued labor in the ministry. During this period he labored more or less